GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SRAVANA SAKA TSUNAMI RELIEF .
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tsunami relief to the affected States has been released completely;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether all the proposals submitted by State Governments/UTs have been sanctioned;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government has laid down any restriction for the utilization of the funds;

(f) whether any misutilization of funds has come to the notice of the Government;

(g) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(h) the details of the supplementary proposals received alongwith the action taken by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): Immediately after Tsunami disaster, the Government of India released an amount of Rs.450 crore `on account basis` to the affected States of Tamil Nadu (Rs. 250 crore), Kerala (Rs. 100 crore), Andhra Pradesh (Rs. 100 crore) from National Calamity Contingency Fund. In addition, funds for relief and response were also earmarked for the Union Territories of Pondicherry (Rs. 50 crore) and Andaman & Nicobar (Rs. 200 crore). Thereafter, taking into consideration the assessment reports of the Central teams, recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group and the High Level Committee, Government approved a special package named as `Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami Affected Areas` with a provision of Rs.3644.05 crore to provide assistance for immediate relief and response, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors, construction of temporary shelters and repair/restoration of infrastructure, special relief for orphans, unmarried girls, widows and disabled persons. The States/UT Governments are implementing the Rajiv Gandhi Package.

The details of release of funds under the Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation package and funds merged in the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP) for the Tsunami affected States/ Union Territories are as under:

(Rs. in crore)
(Upto 30.06.2006)

Sl.No	State/UT	Amount released	Amount merged in Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP)
1.	Tamil Nadu	820.31	1101.02
2.	Andhra Pradesh	70.00	29.96
3.	Kerala	100.00	109.38
4.	Pondicherry	70.83	82.21
5.	A&N Islands	697.91	284.44
	Total	1759.05	1607.01

(e) No, Sir. However, suitable guidelines have been issued to States/ Union Territories for maintaining proper accounting and transparency in the distribution of relief assistance.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Question does not arise.

(h) After the completion of above phase of rescue and immediate relief, the Government undertook a comprehensive exercise through a consultative process of the Core Group to determine the requirement of funds for long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction. Accordingly, Government has approved a Long-term Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP) with a financial outlay of Rs.9870.25 crore to be implemented over a period of four years (2005-2009).

An amount of Rs. 1607.01 crore from Rajiv Gandhi package have been merged in TRP, which includes reconstruction activities in various sectors such as housing, fisheries, agriculture and livelihoods, roads and bridges, power, water and sewerage, social infrastructure and welfare, environmental and coastal protection and tourism etc. The details of funds allocated to the Tsunami affected States/ union Territories are as under:

S.No	State/ UT	Amount
1	Tamil Nadu	4240.17
2	Kerala	1441.75
3	Andhra Pradesh	168.11
4	Pondicherry	518.08
5	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2676.91
6	Department of Shipping	775.23
7	Core Group	50.00
	Total	9870.25